

In the Specification

Page 4, II. 3-6 (first full paragraph), please amend as follows:

-- The cellulosic polymer is preferably either anionic or non-ionic, most preferably anionic modified or nonionic modified cellulose, including carboxymethylhydroxyethyl cellulose (CMHEC) or hydroxyethyl cellulose (HEC), as well as crosslinked HEC, such as crosslinked HEC with glyeoxal glyoxal. --

Page 4, II. 17-22 (third full paragraph after "Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments":

-- The cellulosic polymer is typically either non-ionic or anionic. Preferred anionic cellulosic polymer is carboxymethylhydroxyethyl cellulose and preferred non-ionic cellulosic polymer is hydroxyethyl cellulose. The cellulosic polymer is preferably either anionic or non-ionic, most preferably anionic modified or nonionic modified cellulose, including carboxymethylhydroxyethyl cellulose (CMHEC) or hydroxyethyl cellulose (HEC), as well as crosslinked HEC, such as crosslinked HEC with glyeoxal glyoxal. Particularly preferred are crosslinked HECs, such as HEC 10 and HEC 10HV, products of The Dow Chemical Company, and as non-crosslinked HEC, 210 HHW, a product of Aqualon. The HEC 10HV provides a higher viscosity per pound than HEC 10. The amount of cellulosic polymer suspended in the salt solution is typically between from about 5 to about 23, preferably from about 10 to about 20, weight percent. --